

COUNCIL MINUTES
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2003

1. WORKSHOP MEETING

- 1.1 Mayor Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mayor Griffith and Councilors Dirksen, Moore, Sherwood, and Wilson were present.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Council Communications & Liaison Reports: None
- 1.5 Call to Council and Staff for Non Agenda Items: None.

2. JOINT MEETING WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WATER BOARD TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE BULL RUN REGIONAL DRINKING WATER AGENCY PHASE II REPORT – PART 3

Intergovernmental Water Board members present: Jan Drangsholt, Norman Penner, and Bill Sheiderich

Presentation by Public Works Director Wegner focused primarily on the potential for Tigard to join the Joint Water Commission and ownership of water rights. The JWC and other agencies are exploring expanding water availability in the Tualatin River Basin. This work includes completion of a capital improvement program in which the cornerstone is the Tualatin Basin water Supply Feasibility Study (Scoggins Dam Raise, or alternatives) as well as the Raw Water Pipeline Project. Both of these projects are anticipated to develop new supply of which Tigard could obtain ownership based on our investment.

At this time Portland appears to have lost interest in aggressively pursuing a Regional Drinking Water Agency. Portland Mayor Vera Katz indicated that this was not a high priority for Portland now.

A copy of the Staff Report and PowerPoint presentation is on file in the City Recorder's office.

> ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The following items were reviewed with the City Council by City Manager Monahan:

- Hotel-Motel Talking Points

City Council discussed a request from LOC Executive Director Ken Strobeck to discuss with Senator Burdick and Representative Williams the bill sponsored by the Tourism Commission to impose a 1% tax for tourism promotion and to freeze all city lodging taxes with future increases going only to tourism promotion. Concern by LOC is that this represents a preemption, which is a basic violation of the Constitutional provision regarding home rule authority for cities.

- Tri-Met Payroll Tax for Commuter Rail

Tri Met plans to seek authorization for the Legislature to increase the region's payroll tax by one-tenth of one percent, phased in over ten years (one, one-hundredth of a percent per year) to meet continued demand for improvements to bus and rail services. Proposed improvements to local bus service in Tigard and commuter rail would benefit from the package according to Tri Met officials. Consensus of Council was that a letter of support could be sent if Tri Met commits to Tigard receiving an equitable return of service in response to the amount of payroll tax generated within our community. Administration staff will draft a letter.

- Public Safety Coordinating Council

After brief discussion, Council consensus was to support Councilor Tom Johnston of Forest Grove to fill the vacant Mayor/City Councilor position on the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC). Administration staff will notify PSCC Staff.

3. DISCUSSION WITH STATE SENATOR GINNY BURDICK AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAX WILLIAMS

Topics discussed included:

- Proposal by Tourism Commission regarding preemption on cities' ability to raise lodging taxes. Representative Williams advised he does not sense there is a groundswell of support for this proposal advising he has had contact against such a proposal from cities, counties and the League of Oregon Cities. Senator Burdick said she does not support preemption of local government's abilities to raise revenue.
- Mayor thanked Representative Williams for his support with regard to Systems Development Charges. Representative Williams and Senator Burdick advised the

League of Oregon Cities has expressed concerns about SDC's; however, no bill has been proposed on this subject.

- A reduction to state-shared revenues for cities has not been proposed.
- Discussed the exporting of tax dollars from Washington County and that Washington County is not receiving a proportionate share of services (social services, transportation, education). Representative Williams also noted concern and referred to mental health services – Washington County receives the lowest amount of services per capita than any other county in the state.
- Transportation – The Governor has proposed a package that has been generally well received. Representative Williams, in response to a question from Mayor Griffith, recommended that Tigard work with County Board Chair Brian and Commissioner Rogers to influence long-term decisions on transportation.
- School funding discussed. Solutions under consideration include a local option tax and identifying a dedicated source of funding to take schools out of the general fund budget (schools represent 42% of the general fund).
- Right of way authority (franchise fees) – Representative Williams said he did not anticipate that this would be an issue this Session. He referred to the recent court case in favor of LOC's position that local governments impose and collect franchise fees.

4. JOINT MEETING WITH BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES PRESENTATIONS ON PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND FUTURE FUNDING NEEDS

Presentations were given by representatives from Christmas in April, American Red Cross, Learning Adventures and the Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Finance Director Prosser noted that appointments to the Social Service Subcommittee were needed. After brief discussion, Councilor Dirksen and Budget Committee Members Benner and Woodruff agreed to serve on this subcommittee. Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for every Monday evening in May.

5. DISCUSS PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TIGARD AND CLEAN WATER SERVICES

Public Works Director Wegner, and Clean Water Services staff members Cruz and Bowles were present to discuss the intergovernmental agreement. A copy of the staff report outlining key issues is on file with the City Recorder. Public Works staff has completed the negotiations with Clean Water Services and will be recommending approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign the IGA at the January 28 Council meeting.

6. UPDATE ON THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING DIVISION PROGRAM

Community Development Director Hendryx and Planning Manager Shields updated Council on the Long-Range Planning Program projects, activities and priorities. Projects identified included Bull Mountain Annexation, Downtown/Commuter Rail, Washington Square Regional Center Plan/Implementation Program, Transportation, and the Metro UGB Expansion. Federal/State/Regional Mandates and Programs included the Affordable Housing Program, Regional Coordination of Natural Resources Protection Program (Goal 5). Ongoing research programs included Data Resource Analysis and Collection, General Grand Search and Assistance, and the Geographic Information System support. Copies of the charts and the staff report reviewed by the City Council are on file in the City Recorder's office.

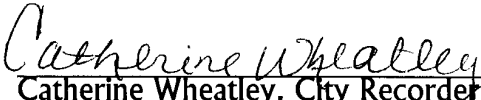
Council is scheduled to adopt Council goals on January 28. Council members noted they would like to compare goals to the projects and programs mentioned tonight to get a better idea about whether priorities for resources are assigned appropriately. Community Development staff was asked to give Council another update in about a month.

7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: None


8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not held

10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:09 p.m.


Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:


Mayor, City of Tigard
Date: 2-25-03